

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 1198 by Representative Katz

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPT: Provides for the transfer of functions of La. Rehabilitation Services from the Dept. of Social Services to the La. Workforce Commission and the Dept. of Health and Hospitals

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Removed provision of proposed law which identifies the Louisiana Workforce Commission as the sole state agency designated to carry out provisions the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
2. Made technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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DIGEST

Present law provides that DSS shall operate and maintain the following services and programs which are currently being operated by the office of La. Rehabilitation Services:

- (1) Blind Services
- (2) State personal assistance services program
- (3) La. Commission for the Deaf
- (4) Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Program
- (5) Vocational Rehabilitation Program
- (6) Independent Living Part B Program
- (7) Independent Living for Older Blind Program
- (8) Community and Family Support Program

Proposed law transfers the following programs and services from DSS to the LWC:

- (1) Vocational Rehabilitation Program
- (2) Blind Services and the Blind Vendors Trust Fund
- (3) Independent Living Part B Program
- (4) Independent Living for Older Blind Program

Proposed law transfers the following programs and services from DSS to DHH:

- (1) La. Commission for the Deaf
- (2) Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Program

- (3) State personal assistance services program
- (4) Community and Family Support Program

Proposed law transfers each program operated by the office of La. Rehabilitation Services to either DHH or the La. Workforce Commission (LWC).

Proposed law makes necessary technical corrections for the programs and services being transferred.

Proposed law provides that the administrative rules contained in the La. Administrative Code promulgated by DSS which govern or are applicable to the programs and operations transferred from DSS to the LWC or DHH shall continue to be effective and the office of state register shall change all applicable references to DSS to either the LWC or DHH and redesignate and renumber all applicable provisions as is necessary to maintain continuity in the La. Administrative Code.

Proposed law provides that all monies held in the state treasury for the Blind Vendors Trust Fund on the effective date of proposed law, shall upon that date, be transferred to LWC.

Proposed law provides that all monies held in the state treasury for the La. Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund on the effective date of this Act shall, upon that date, be transferred to DHH.

Proposed law provides that in order to ensure continuity of services during the transition period, all DSS contracts for the programs and activities transferred to the LWC shall be deemed to have been transferred and assigned to the LWC upon the effective date of proposed law without the necessity of contractual amendment, and the LWC shall be solely responsible for all related obligations and liabilities arising on or after that date.

Proposed law provides that all DSS contracts related to the operation and administration of the programs transferred to DHH shall be deemed to have been transferred and assigned to DHH upon the effective date of proposed law without the necessity of contractual amendment, and DHH shall be solely responsible for all related obligations and liabilities arising on or after that effective date.

Proposed law requires DHH and LWC to provide a report on July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2012 on the actual cost of implementing proposed law.

Effective July 1, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 17:1518.1(J) and 1519.5(C), R.S. 23:1(A) and 17(A), R.S. 28:821(C), 824(I), (J)(1)(b), (K), and (L), R.S. 36:258(F), 301(B), 308(B), and 471(B), R.S. 38:2261(C) and (D), R.S. 39:1554(D)(1)(d) and 1595.4(B), (C), and (D), R.S. 40:1300.14(B)(intro. para.) and (13), R.S. 46:51(2) and (10), 2116.1(1), (2), and (4), 2116.2(A), 2351(A)(intro. para.), 2353, 2632(2), 2633(C) and (E), 2634(A), and (B)(1), and 2635(B), R.S. 47:305.15(A) and 360(A), R.S. 48:307(B)(2) and (3); Adds R.S. 23:1(B)(6) and R.S. 23:3001-3061, R.S. 36:259(K) and (N), and 309(E); Repeals R.S. 36:474(F) and 478(C), (D), (E), (G), (I), and (J), R.S. 46:331-373, R.S. 46:2101-2106, and R.S. 46:2651-2655))